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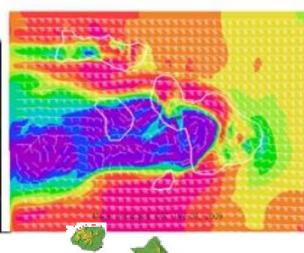




### **Developing Solar Sense for Hawaii**









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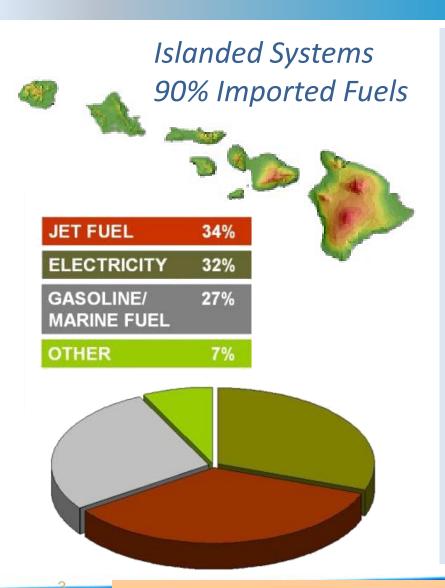


### **Discussion Topics**

- Hawaii's Grid & Drivers
- DG Issues Not Just a Local Issue
- What are We Doing About It
- Next Steps
- Q&A



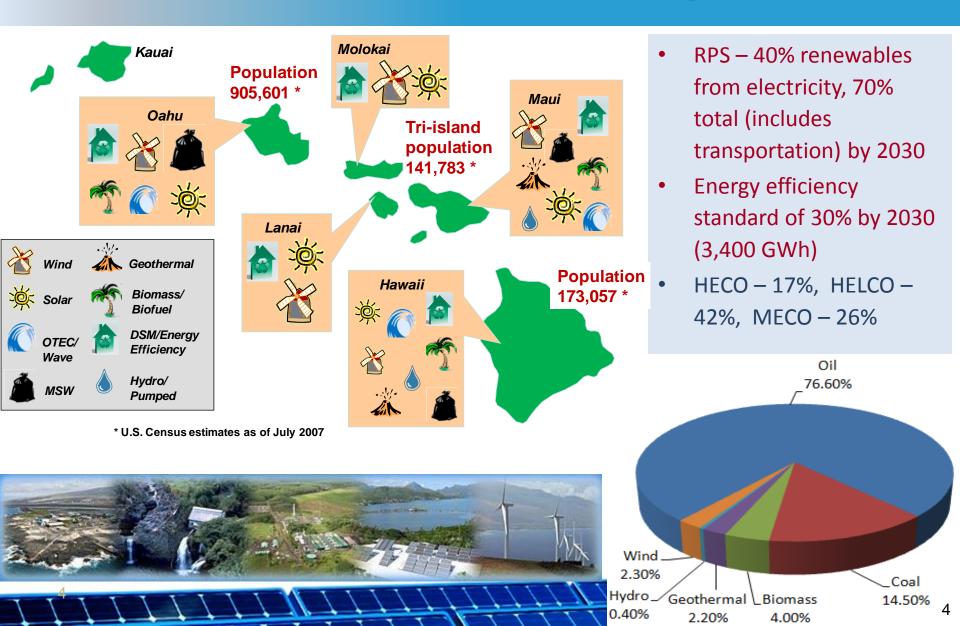
### **Hawaii Energy Overview**



- Primary resource is petroleum,
   approximately 30% for electricity and
   60% for transportation use
- Top 10 generation plants are petroleum,
   coal, and waste to energy resources
- Hawaiian Electric Utilities
   (HECO/MECO/HELCO) serve 95% of the
   state's 1.2 million residents on the
   islands of Oahu, Maui, Lanai and
   Molokai and the Big Island Hawaii.
- Our Mission is to provide secure, clean energy for Hawaii

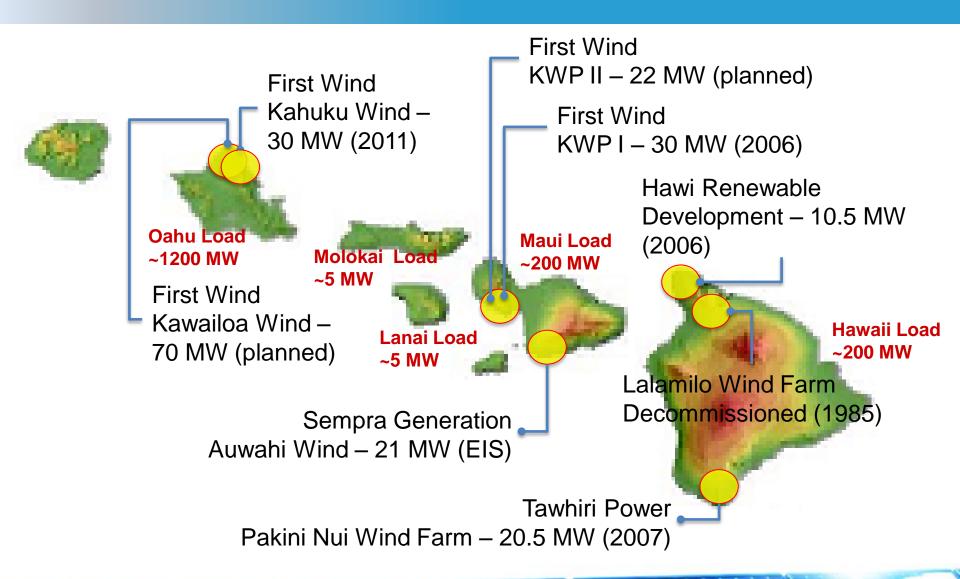


### Where are we Today?



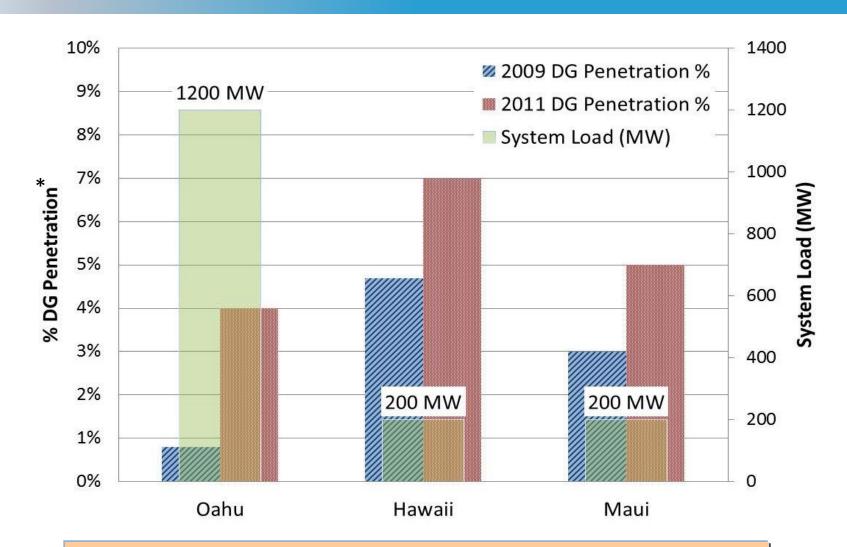


### **Island Loads & Wind Sites**





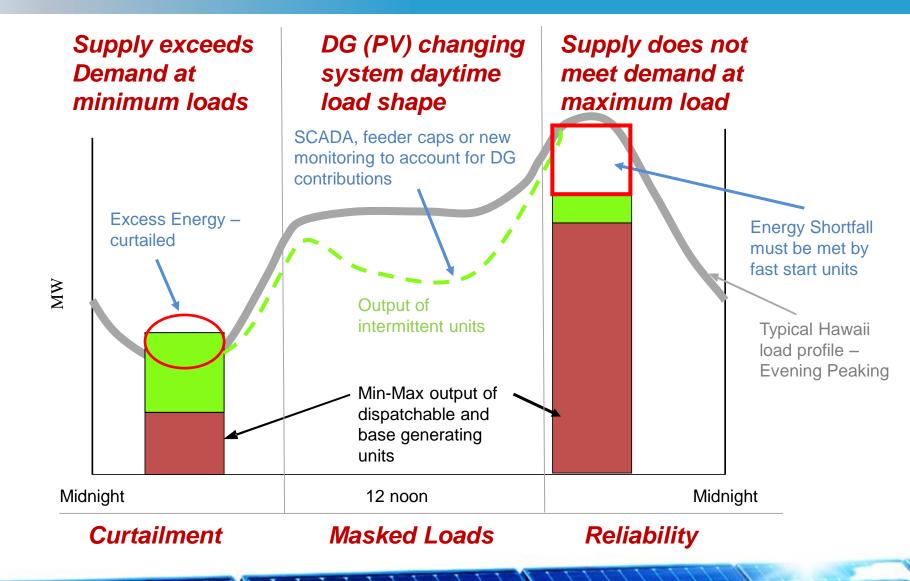
### DG Growth from 2009 to 2011



Summary of Interconnected Distribution Level Penetration on Major Island Grids
\* DG Penetration = Installed DG MW / Max Feeder Load 2010 data



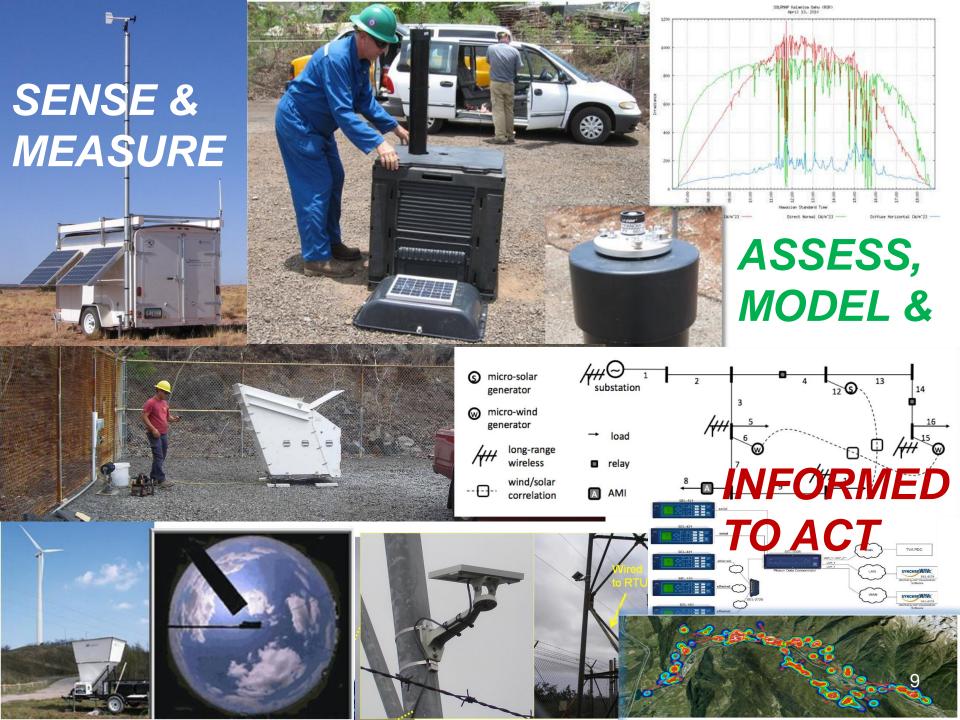
# Issues Encountered as Renewable & Distributed Generation Increases





# Portfolios of Renewable Integration Activities: Supporting Solar Initiatives

- Develop Integration Tools & Capabilities
  - Resource characterization, sensor deployments & field monitoring
  - Data management and analysis tools
  - Model enhancements & field validation
  - New visualization & decision aids
  - Operationalize "look-ahead" wind & solar forecasting with ramp event capability
- Integrate & Enhance Processes/Procedures
- Workforce Development and Pipeline
- Outreach & Collaborations
- Support Transformative Efforts





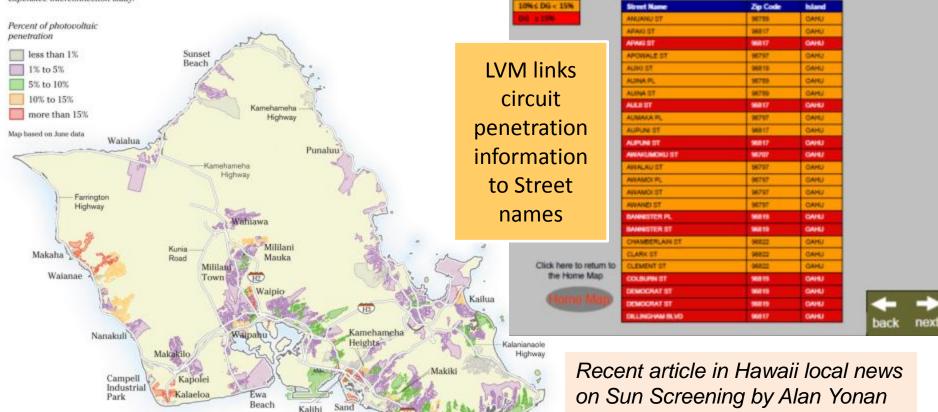
# New Data from Solar Facilities to Support Forecasting (in PPA requirements)



#### SOLAR SATURATION

Hawaiian Electric Co. says 15 of the utility's 465 distribution circuits on Oahu have customer-owned photovoltaic systems that account for more than 15 percent of the peak load on that circuit. Once the 15 percent threshold is reached, customers on the circuit who want to install additional PV capacity may be required to undertake an expensive interconnection study.

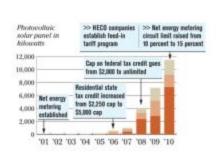
### Instituted LVM to Help Everyone See Areas of High Circuit Penetration



Waikiki

#### POWERING UP

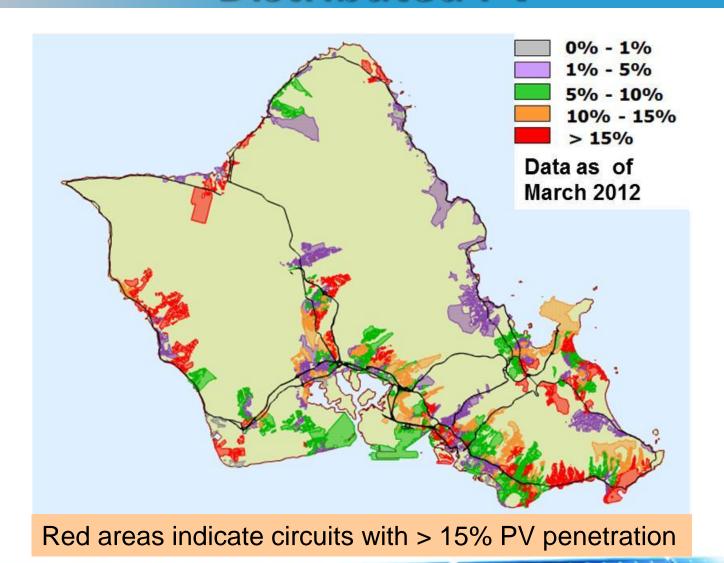
The amount of solar electricity generating capacity installed by homeowners and businesses has grown dramatically since the net energy metering program was launched 10 years ago, allowing such systems to hook into the HECO, MECO and HELCO grids.



Recent article in Hawaii local news on Sun Screening by Alan Yonan of Star Advertiser 7/24/2011 captured current levels of penetration and ongoing needs to manage increasing penetration levels.



# Tracking Tremendous Growth in Distributed PV





### **Solar & Feeder Monitoring Instrumentation**

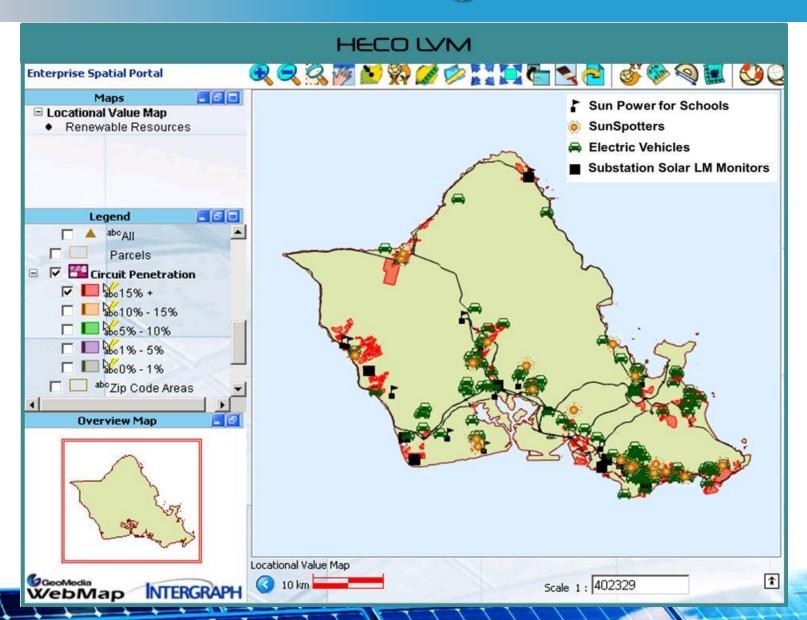






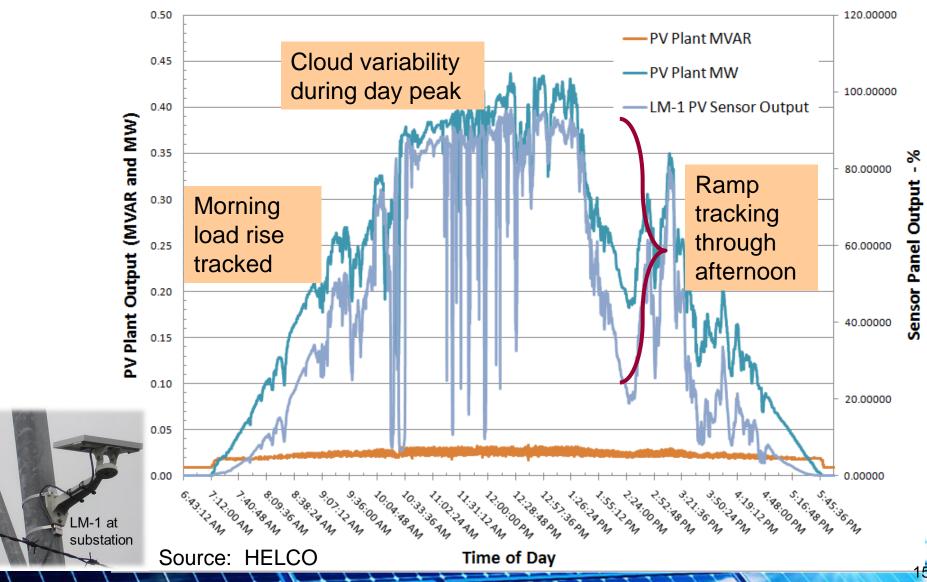


### **Field Monitoring Locations**



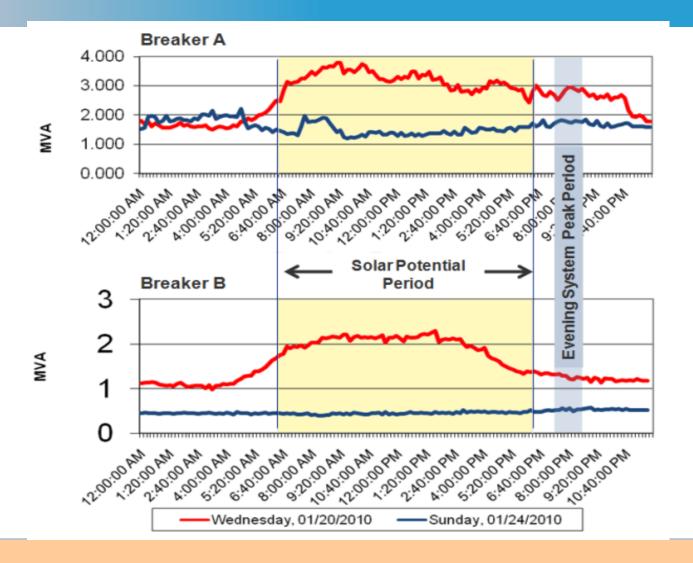


### **Field Validation**





### **Local Circuit Impact – light load**



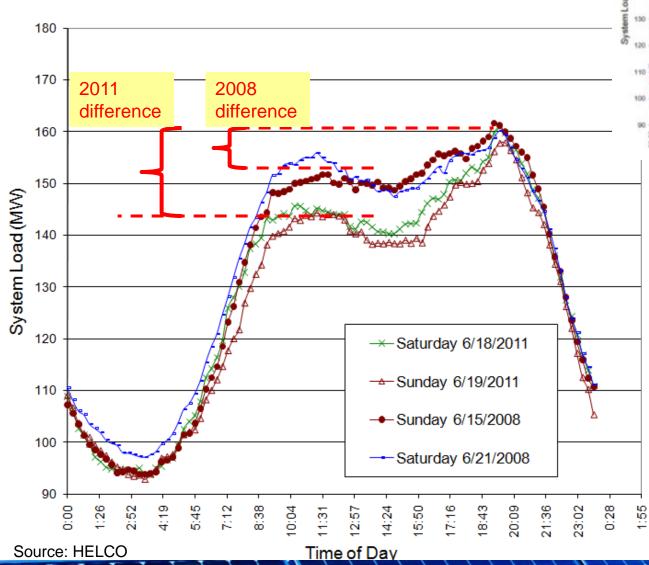
#### Concerns:

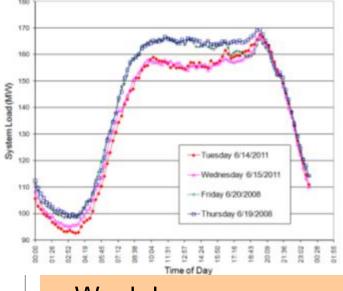
- 1. The above graphs illustrate the need to assess the feeder loading not only at peak periods but also on the days where the loads are not as high (light load Sundays) Rule 14H
- 2. Circuit peaks often not coincident with System peaks





### Comparison of 2008 and 2011 Weekend (light system load)





- Weekday comparison: evening peak has not significantly changed between 2008 and 2011 but daytime demand has.
- Weekend comparison (light load day): difference between daytime peak and evening peak has increased.



# Impact of Variability On LTC Operations



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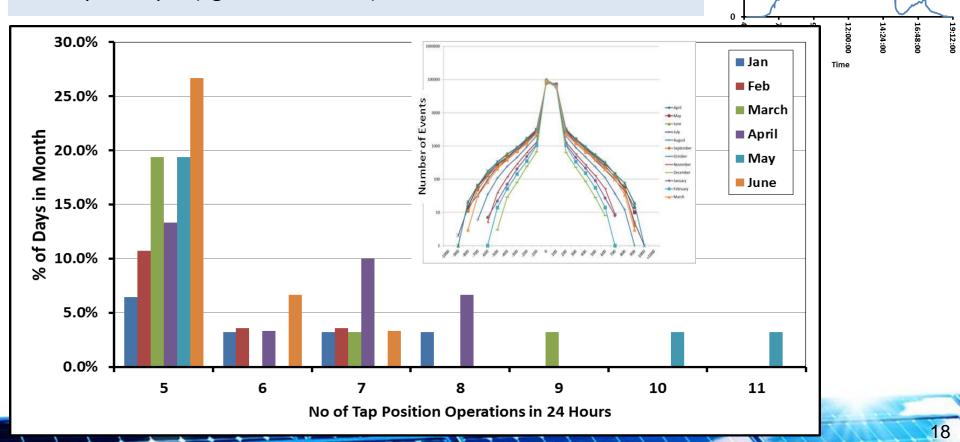
1200

800 (M/m2)

600 400

200

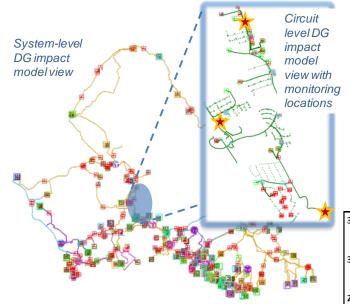
- Highlighted % of total days with tap changer count above n >
   5 for months of January to June
- Increase in count correspond with highest variability months
  - May and April (light load months)





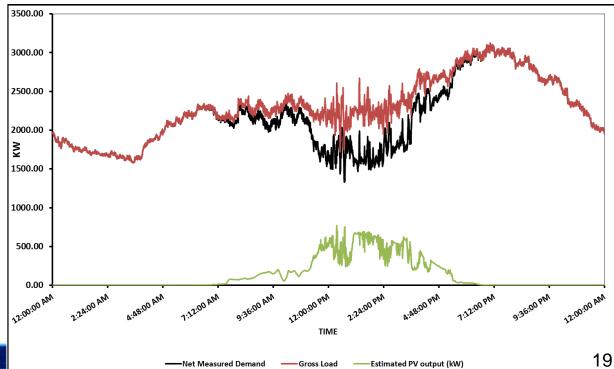
# Impact of Load Change and DG on Distribution Feeders





- Account for PV production, feeder load and system load (net vs gross)
- Develop sense of sensitive grid conditions and times with solar variability (max load, light load, storm conditions, contingencies, reserve plans)







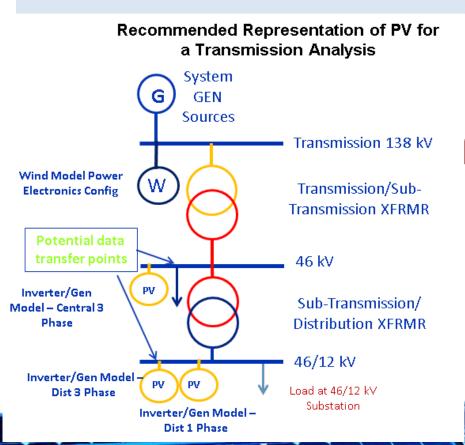
# Improved Models to Account for PV as Generation vs Negative Load



- Enables more accurate modeling of DG resources for planning
- Consistent distribution system model expedites modeling and analysis process

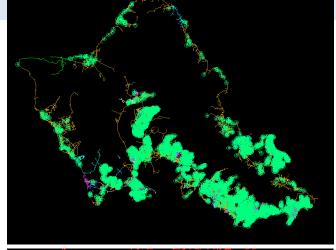
Allows for "what-if" analysis to stay ahead of system change and minimize risks

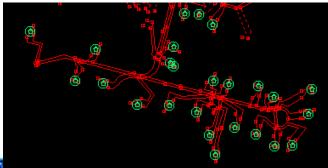
of stranded assets





Translate feeder level impacts to system level

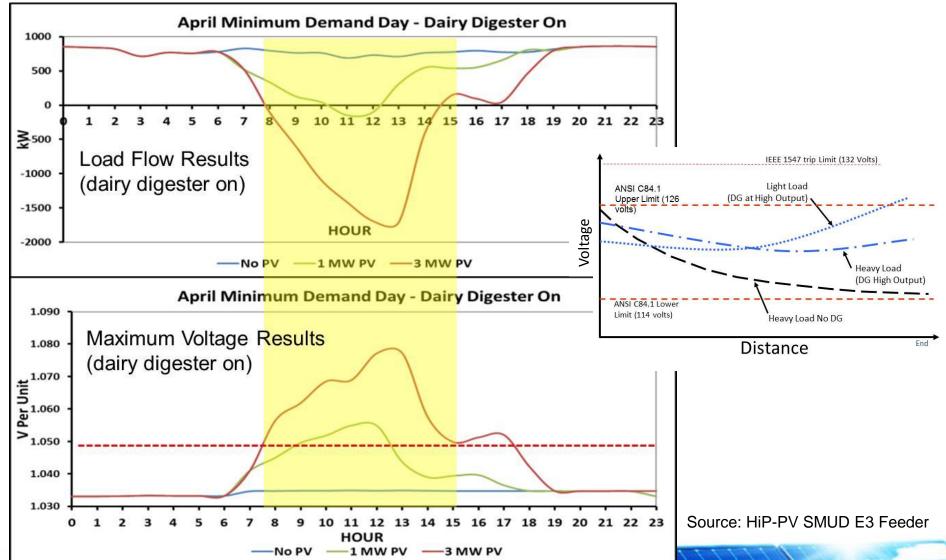






### Use of Model to Assess Feeder Overvoltage Conditions

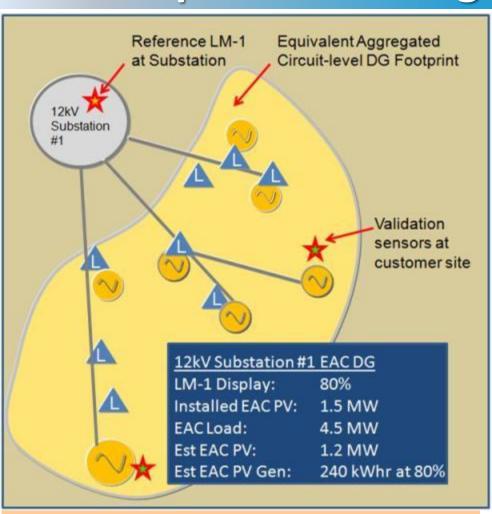






### Nodal Estimation Approach to Expedite PV Integration Studies





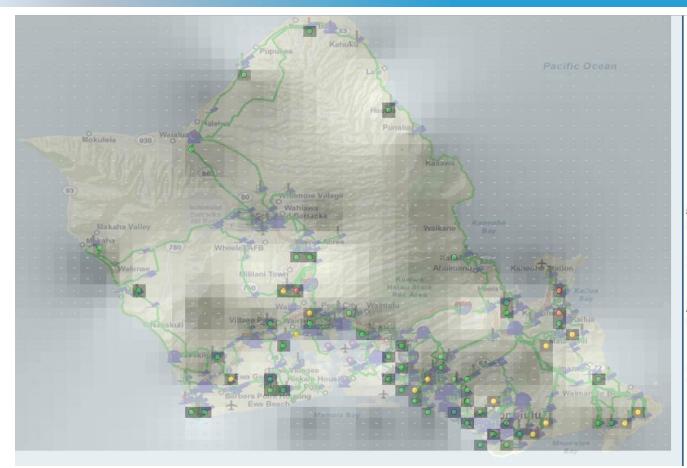
HiP-PV Industry Partners: SMUD, BEW Engineering, GL Noble Denton, NREL, EPRI

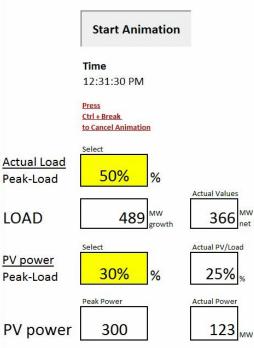
- Characterize discrete and aggregated circuit load profiles at 12 kV substation (residential, industrial, commercial)
- Expedite circuit evaluations and aggregate DG impacts for planning
- Use reference LM-1 sensors to estimate solar resource output at location
- Extend solar forecasting to account for aggregated impact of behind-the-meter generation



## Modeled Variability: 30% PV Penetration Island Wide (light load)







Color-coded impacts at distribution substations

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Represents Backfed Current Through Substation

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Represents > 50% of Demand at Substation is Served by PV

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Represents 0 - 50% of Demand at Substation is Served by PV

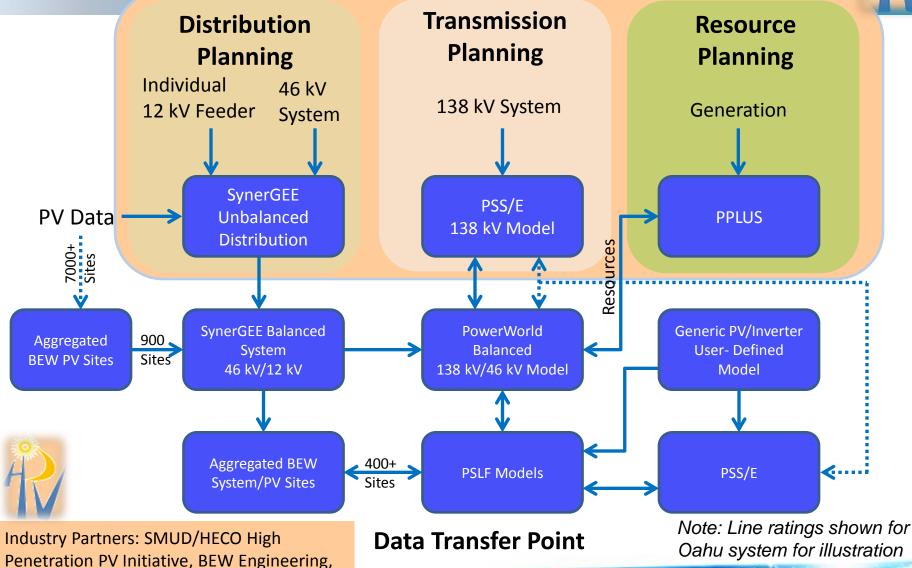
Simulated results at 30% PV penetration across the islands and impacted areas



GL Noble Denton, GIS & EMS providers

### Interface Between T&D Models







## Data to Improve Overall Planning Models



Analysis Type	Time-Frame	Study Level (Cluster/Nodal/Large Individual/Small individual)	Validation Data Time-Step Required
Voltage Profile	Steady State	All	15 minute
Thermal Limits	Steady State	All	15 minute
Tap Changer Cycling/Inverter interactions	Steady State	All, evaluate with each interconnect	15 to 30 s irradiance data
Change existing LDC settings	Steady State	All, evaluate with each interconnect	Time delay of LDC
Protection	Steady State	All	Sub-cycle
N-1 Generator Trip	Dynamic	Nodal/Cluster	1 second
N-1 Line Trip	Dynamic	Nodal/Cluster	1 second
All PV trip	Dynamic	Nodal, Cluster and large individual	1 second
Flicker	Dynamic	Nodal, Cluster and large individual	1 second
Harmonics	Dynamic and Steady State	Nodal, Cluster and Large Individual	Sub-cycle
Generator Dispatch	Dynamic and Steady State	Cluster	15 minute



### Findings: Expedite Studies by Categorizing Requirements by Type and Size



### Single Large Site

Feeder Voltage
Profile & Thermal
Limitations

LTC Settings & Backfeed

Flicker

### **Local Node**

Feeder Voltage Profile & Thermal Limitations

Tap Changer Cycling Backfeed & LTC Settings

N-1 Contingency Conditions

**Anti-Islanding Trip** 

Flicker & Harmonics

### Regional Cluster

Feeder Voltage Profile & Thermal Limitations

Tap Changer Cycling Backfeed & LTC Settings

N-1 Contingency Conditions

**Anti-Islanding Trip** 

Flicker & Harmonics



### Recommendations: Identified Gaps & Enhancements to Interconnection Process



Analysis Type	Normal Detail Level	Enhancement		
STEADY STATE STUDIES				
Load Flow - Back-feed potential	Peak Load Conditions Comment on equipment setting (LTC and LDC)	Minimum Daytime Load Investigate equipment settings and impact of changing Irradiance data for capacity vs. generated power		
Tap Changer Cycling	Step Maximum output to Minimum Output at Peak Load, 1% limit in voltage change specified to impact LTC	Time sequential analysis with measured irradiance data over seconds and time delay of LTC Peak and Minimum daytime load conditions		
Analysis Type	Normal Detail Level	Enhancement		
DYNAMIC STUDIES				
Dynamic/Stability Studies - All PV trip	Not normally completed	Multiple sites/nodal/cluster studies, PV is dynamic Inverter		
Dynamic/Stability Studies - N-1	Not normally completed	Full dynamic analysis on range of site sizes and configurations		



## Jump Starting Solar Forecasting - Priorities Based on Lessons Learned from Wind

#### Improve models and establish metrics

- Link atmospheric condition with grid condition WHEN IT MATTERS
- Identify & trend atmospheric conditions (Santa Ana winds, Kona winds) that have impact on resources and grid
- Develop accuracy & user acceptance metrics & target improvements

#### Field validation and practical measurement campaign

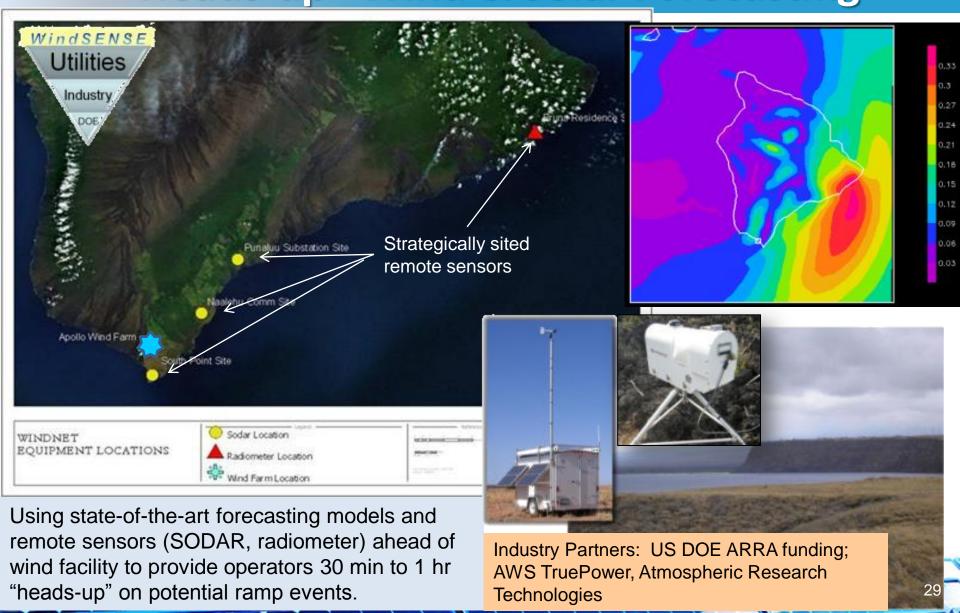
- Determine historical data & new strategic monitoring locations
- Look-ahead 20-30 min monitoring of ramps/change WHY IT MATTERS
- Improved horizontal and vertical resolution of measured data

#### Facilitate integration and utilization

- Improve confidence; prototype visual displays; training, interviews
- Action-oriented, alert based, rapid heads-up on disturbances/ramp/change
- Visibility to utility workforce & customers WHAT TO DO & WHERE
- Partnerships & Collaborations (national, state, industry)



# EX. Developing & Operationalizing "Heads-up" Wind & Solar Forecasting





## Situational Awareness & Decision Support for Operations





WIND SOLAR HYDRO INTEGRATED HELP
Site: Apollo Look-ahead: 0-6 hrs Type: Situational Issued: 10/16/11 1200 HST

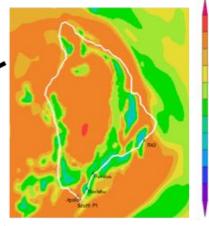
Substation 2 Substation 2 Substation 3

0 - 6 hr

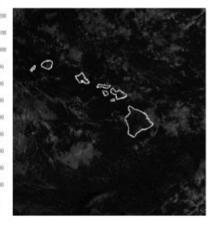
6 - 48 hr 48-168 hr

Ramp Rate

Global Horizontal Irradiance (watts/m2)Last 6 hrs: Analysis of Measured Data Next Six Hours: NWP Forecast



Visible Satellite Image Last 6 hrs: GOES West Images Next Six Hours: NWP Forecast



IH Var Time Series Sit Aware

Solar Ramp Alert: Substation 1

Overview:

Generation from solar resources connected to Substation 1 is currently high but clouds and showers are expected to move into the region from the northeast causing a down ramp in generation

Monitor:

Ramp rate forecasts and look for signs of a decrease in solar generation at Substation 1

- Improve operational awareness of ramp (0-2hr) conditions and impacts
- Animated images of global horizontal irradiance
  - Visual to measured data
  - NWP forecast for next 6 hours
- Animated visible satellite image
  - Actual satellite image for last
     6 hours
  - Simulated forecast of visible image for next 6 hours

Forecasting Industry Partners: EPRI, AWS TruePower, US DOE WFIP, SCE, SMUD, CalSO, UH Manoa, UCSD

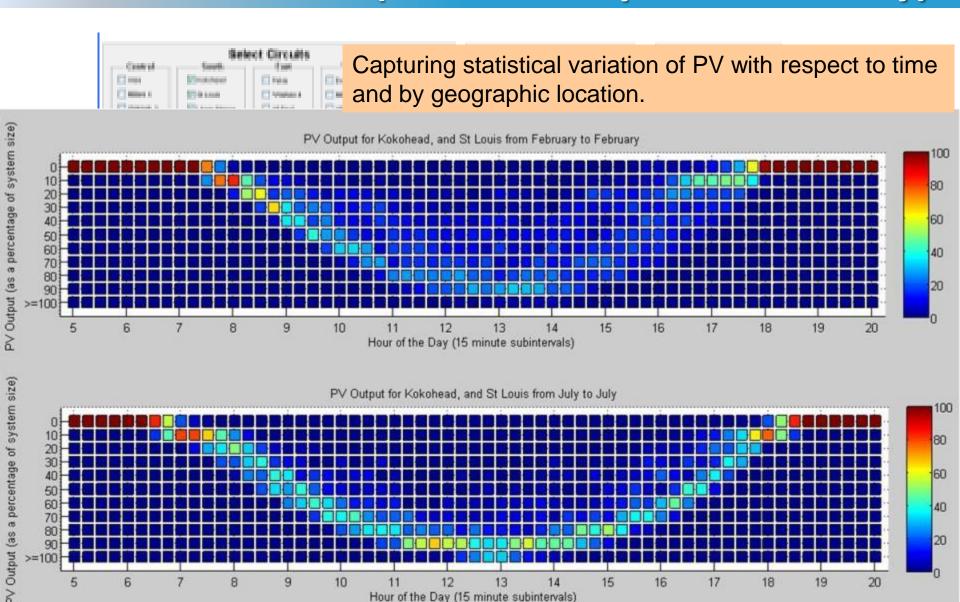


# Integrating Visual Tools & Forecasts into Operations

- Characterizing and identifying changes on the distribution system that have potential impact on transmission/system operations (i.e. UFLS effectiveness; ramping capability; reserves)
- Creating visuals from detailed DG monitoring into decision-aids for operations
- Developing and piloting EMS-based capability to integrate DG and forecasting data



# Visibility to DG (Data to Output Probability)



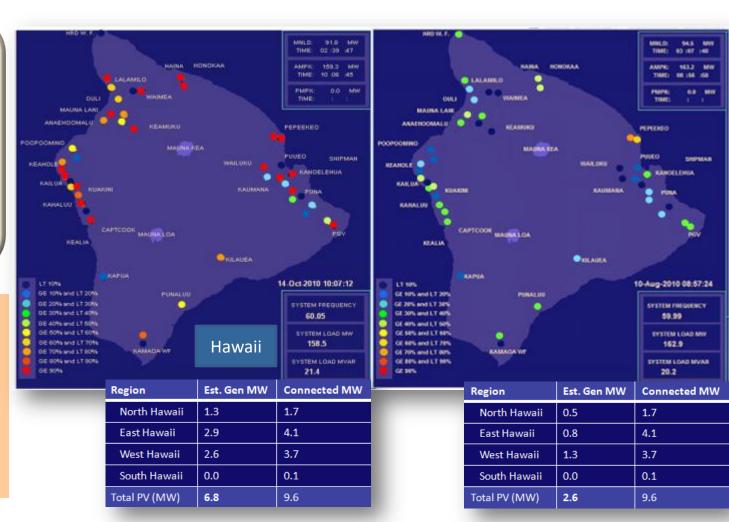


# Piloting Control Room Situational Awareness Tools to "See" Variability



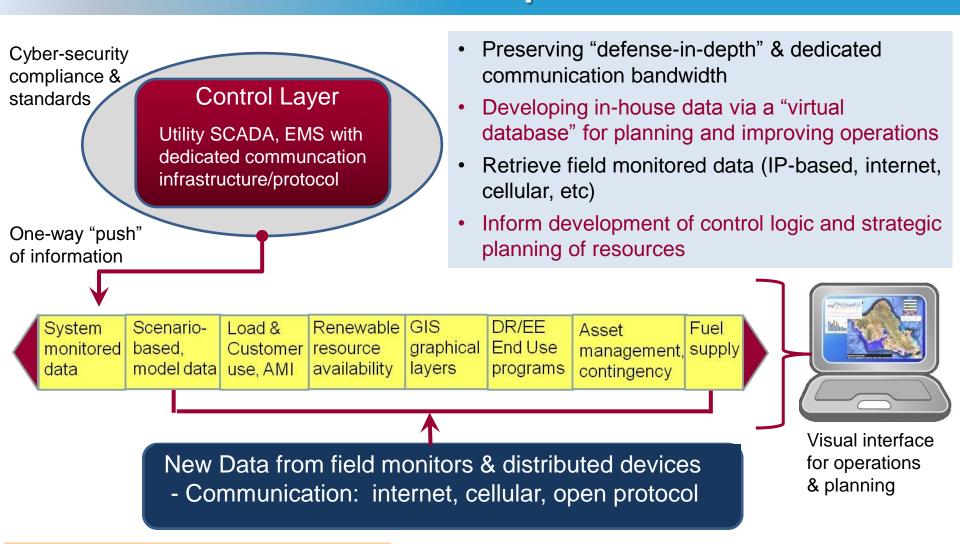
LM-1 solar availability sensors

Monitoring solar availability and variability at 2 sec SCADA rate. Potential to improve UFLS





### Improve Grid Communication & Secure Data Transfer Requirements



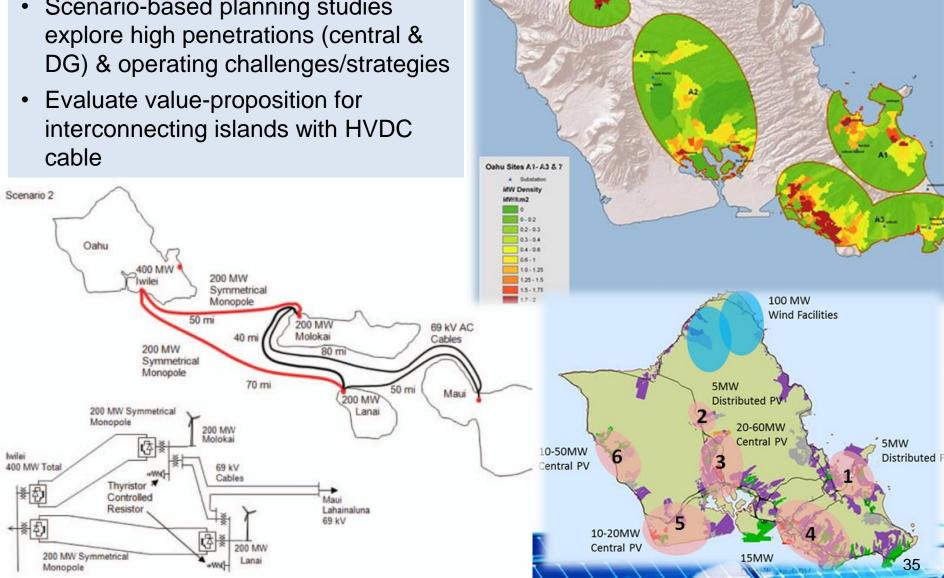
Industry Partners: Referentia Systems Inc. Grant funding from HREDV/US DOE



### **Scenario-Based Planning Studies for New**

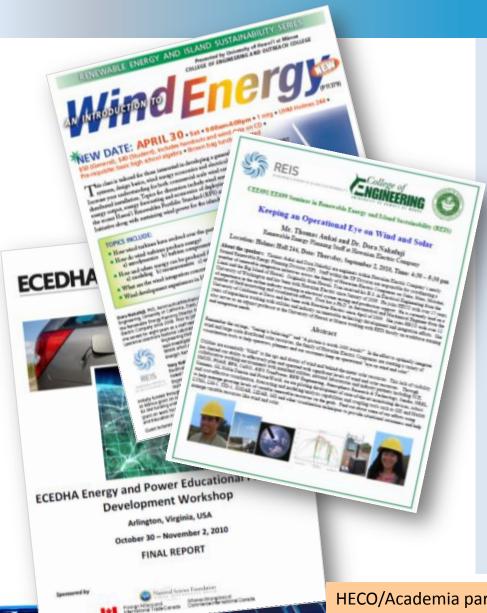
Infrastructure

 Scenario-based planning studies explore high penetrations (central & DG) & operating challenges/strategies





### **Longer-term Efforts**



- Continue refining renewable integration strategy
- Integrate tools into existing processes
- Engage developers and better inform customers
- Demonstrate new technologies
- Develop existing workforce & help build renewable "savvy" workforce pipeline
- Continue collaborations across industry, academia, federal & state (grants, proposals, conferences, strategic planning teams)



### Questions/Comments??

### Mahalo





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